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Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 1-7,9-13,19-26,28-33,35-40,84-90,92-97,102-106,108-112,117,118,120,121 and 124-201.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims rejected are 1-7,9-13,19-26,28-33,35-40,84-90,92-97,102-106,108-112,117,118,120,121 and 124-201.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7, 9-13, 19-26, 28-33, 35-40, 84-90, 92-97, 102-106, 108-112, 117-118, 120-121 and 124-201 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kagami et al (JP402155067A).

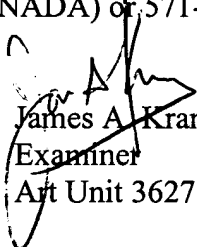
Kagami teaches a sale pattern change/input processing part which converts a model pattern of sale characteristic data of an inputted merchandise group into a table in which time and sales summed-up ratios are made to correspond to each other and registers the table in a time-sales summed-up relational file. An inventory warning index calculating part predicts sales transitions for individual pieces of merchandise on an assumption that sales change based on model pattern and calculates the indexes to evaluate the excess/shortage of inventory at a current point from the predicted results, and an inventory warning merchandise output processing part arrays the pieces of information of plural pieces of merchandise based on the indexes and displays the pieces of arrayed information. Thus, it becomes possible to easily input experiences person's experience and intuition related to the sales for a piece of merchandise having a short life cycle and give a more suitable warning for the excess/shortage of inventory based on the inputted experience and the inputted intuition.

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